

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address February 6, 2014

“Repealing Obamacare”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, the House again passed legislation to repeal the flawed and ill-conceived law known as the Affordable Care Act.

The House has voted to repeal Obamacare before. I have supported these measures every time. We have seen what doesn't work; those measures, which strangle the American people with less choice and more government regulation, are in the law. Now it's time to work towards policies that *do* work.

As I said on the House floor this week, we need to address the issues that affect our country's health care system with common sense improvements that focus on the real issues at hand. These include the creation of a health care system that is focused on patients instead of payment, quality instead of quantity, affordability instead of cheapness, and innovation instead of stagnation.

This law, which was full of errors, secret deals, loopholes, and was shoved through Congress in the dark of night, has done nothing to help fix our broken system. Simply put, people are suffering from this bad law. Periodically, I take a glance at the Healthcare.gov Facebook page. The comments section says it all. Robin said she could not afford health coverage for her whole family because her coverage alone takes nearly half her paycheck. Sarah made a good point by saying that forcing people to buy something is about as un-American as it gets. Jordan simply said, QUOTE, “I *wish* I could afford coverage.” Many folks commented that they were forced to go without coverage and accept the fine.

In the late 90s and early 2000s, I started seeing changes in my practice that were affecting me and my patients negatively. I came to Congress for that simple reason: to work on policies that would help doctors like me and our patients by reforming a system that wasn't working. But the president's health law is about as bad of a job as we could have done to fix these policies. As such, I will continue to vote to repeal this damaging law and implement policies that do work.

Americans deserve affordable health care. The so-called Affordable Care Act is anything but.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.